(b) whether the Coast Guard will also train its personnel during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Coast Guard is aware that a higher level of professionalism is needed for its personnel; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve the sensitivity and dedication in personnel of Coast Guard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The Indian Coast Guard is a growing service. Expansion plans of the Coast Guard are based upon its perspective plans, the available budgetary allocations and the charter of its duties.

The Coast Guard attaches a high degree of importance to the training of its personnel. It has activated an in-house training centre and is planning many training courses pertaining to the charter of duties of the Coast Guard.

Through its specific training modules as well as various administrative and welfare measures aimed to ensuring high morale of the Coast Guard personnel, the Coast Guard improves the sensitivity and dedication of its personnel towards its allocated tasks and the public.

Satellite for the Army

†810. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army needs to have its own satellite to modernise it;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering of providing satellite to the Army;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE); (a) to (d) In the interest of national security considerations, the information cannot be divulged on the floor of the House.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.